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Title: METHODS FOR GENERATING LIGAND ARRAYS VIA DEPOSITION OF LIGANDS ONTO
OLEFIN DISPLAYING SUBSTRATES, AND ARRAYS PRODUCED THEREBY

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[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
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Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Lefkowitz et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action mailed 09/09/2002 (restriction requirement only). The Examiner identified the following Groups for restriction:

- Group I - claims 1-6, and 36-43;
- Group II - claims 7-15, 25, and 44-47;
- Group III - claims 16-24 and 26;
- Group IV - claims 27-29;
- Group V - claims 30-32;
- Group VI - claims 33-35.

Applicants hereby elect Group II with traverse in relation to Groups III through VI, and without traverse in relation to Group I.

The Examiner states that Groups II through V are unrelated and independent inventions. In particular the Examiner states that the method steps of Group II are not required by the claims of Groups III to V. However, claims 16 of Group III and claim 7 of Group II both relate to a method of producing an array of polymers (nucleic acids in claim 16) by providing a substrate having a surface displaying olefin groups, converting the olefin groups to groups that produce covalent bonds with at least two different polymer ligands (nucleic acids in claim 16), and contacting (depositing in claim 16) the surface with the at least two different polymer ligands (nucleic acids in claim 16). That being the case claims 16 (Group III) and claim 7 (Group II) have not been shown to have "different modes of operation, different functions, or different effect" as required by M.P.E.P. 806.04 (A). Therefore, Group III should be examined with Group II.

As to Group IV (claims 27-29), all the claims of this Group are dependent upon claim 25 (Group II) and therefore require the elements of that. Accordingly, Group II is required in Group IV and therefore Group IV should be examined with Group II.

As to Group V (claims 30-32) and Group VI (claims 33-35), all the claims of these Groups are dependent upon claim 26 (Group III) and therefore require the elements of that claim 26. Therefore, Groups V and VI should be examined with Group III (which as discussed above, should also be examined with Group II).

Accordingly, Groups II through VI should be examined together in the present application.

If the Examiner is of the view that there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by means of a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call Gordon Stewart at (650)485-2386.

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